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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

PATENT

In the Application of:	)	
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Lawton <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 10/054,354	)	
	)	Examiner: V. Ford
Filed: January 22, 2002	)	
	)	Conf. No. 9249
For: Compositions and Methods for Detection	)	
of <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> and <i>Ehrlichia</i>	)	Atty. Dckt. 00-1278B
<i>chaffeensis</i> Antibodies	)	

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Mail Stop: Appeal Brief-Patents  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Appellants respectfully request an oral hearing in the above-mentioned appeal. A check for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is enclosed. It is believed that no other fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if an additional fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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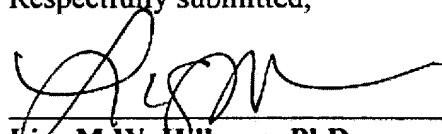
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Related appeals have been filed in U.S. Application 10/054,647, filed January 22, 2002 and U.S. Application 09/765,739 filed January 18, 2001. Appellants respectfully request that the oral hearings for these three applications be consolidated into one hearing.

Date: 3-29-05

Respectfully submitted,

By:



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